

B2 13. (New) A product packaging system according to claim 2, wherein the desiccant is capable of absorbing at least 1.5 grams of moisture over a one year period of storage.

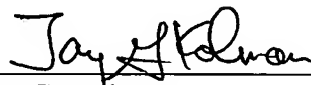
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Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendment be made prior to examination of the present application.

It is not believed that any additional fees are due with the filing of this Second Preliminary Amendment; however, if any additional fees are determined to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees to our Deposit Account No. 500511.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (amended) A product packaging system for preventing degradation of a drug in a carrier composition of a transdermal delivery system, consisting essentially of:

(a) a product package substantially moisture impermeable comprising a thermoplastic material configured in the shape of a container having one opening, and further having a substantially moisture impermeable cover sheet comprising a thermoplastic material coextensive to said container opening and affixed to the opening edges by means of heat or adhesive;

(b) one or more child-resistant pouches which are preferentially permeable to moisture consisting essentially of:

(i) a primary layer of a nitrile rubber modified acrylonitrile-methyl acrylate copolymer; and

(ii) a secondary layer of polyester affixed to said primary layer by means of heat or an adhesive,

(iii) a transdermal system comprising a therapeutically effective amount of methylphenidate in a non-aqueous carrier composition, said transdermal system being sealed within a child-resistant pouch; and

(c) a desiccant capable of absorbing at least 1.5 grams of moisture over a one year period of storage,

wherein the child-resistant pouches and desiccant [is] are sealed within the product package.